



IVH County Newsletter

Serving Iowa Veterans for 128 years!!



A Message From the Commandant

Dear CVSOs,

As you know, you are a critical part of the application process for those veterans needing nursing or residential care that are interested in the Iowa Veterans Home. I want to thank you for your part in helping veterans and their families learn about IVH, tour IVH, and possibly even become a resident at IVH.

I want to encourage you to remain in contact with veterans that come from your county and become residents at IVH. An occasional letter or postcard would remind the veteran that you remain as their service officer and are available to assist with any paperwork they may need. We do not have a service officer at IVH, and we want to be sure all CVSOs and VSOs from all veteran service organizations know this.

Thank you again for all you do for Iowa's veterans and their families. You remain a valuable partner to helping us accomplish our mission at IVH.

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Special points of interest:

- *IVH From Above*
- *Dack Renovation Update*
- *Nursing Article & Elderly Rights*

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A Message from the Administrator



Greetings! It is such an honor and a privilege to be appointed as the Licensed Nursing Home Administrator for the Iowa Veterans Home. A little about me – I came to the Iowa Veterans Home in 1993 as a Nurse Supervisor. Throughout my tenure I've had the opportunity to oversee many of the areas, including Heinz Hall. Currently, as one of 5 Division Administrators, I oversee Resident Support Services. Pharmacy, Food & Nutrition Services, Resident Services, Medical Clinic & Therapies, Social Work and Recreation Bureaus make up the Resident Support Services Division.

Recently a letter was mailed out to all Hospital Administrators and CEO's in Iowa. It provided information on the Iowa Veterans Home, its' benefits, services and admission criteria, along with the names of Admission personnel and their contact information. We included a copy of our new brochure along with a reference to our website. It is our hope that this information will be passed to their staff to aid in placement of patients needing Residential or Nursing care and have veteran benefits available to them. In this letter, we mentioned that each County has a Veteran County Commissioner who can assist with the admission application process. If you would like a copy of the letter that was sent, please let us know and we will get one to you. Happy Holidays!

Susan Wilkinson, LNHA

IVH from Above!!



Happy Holidays To Everyone From IVH!!



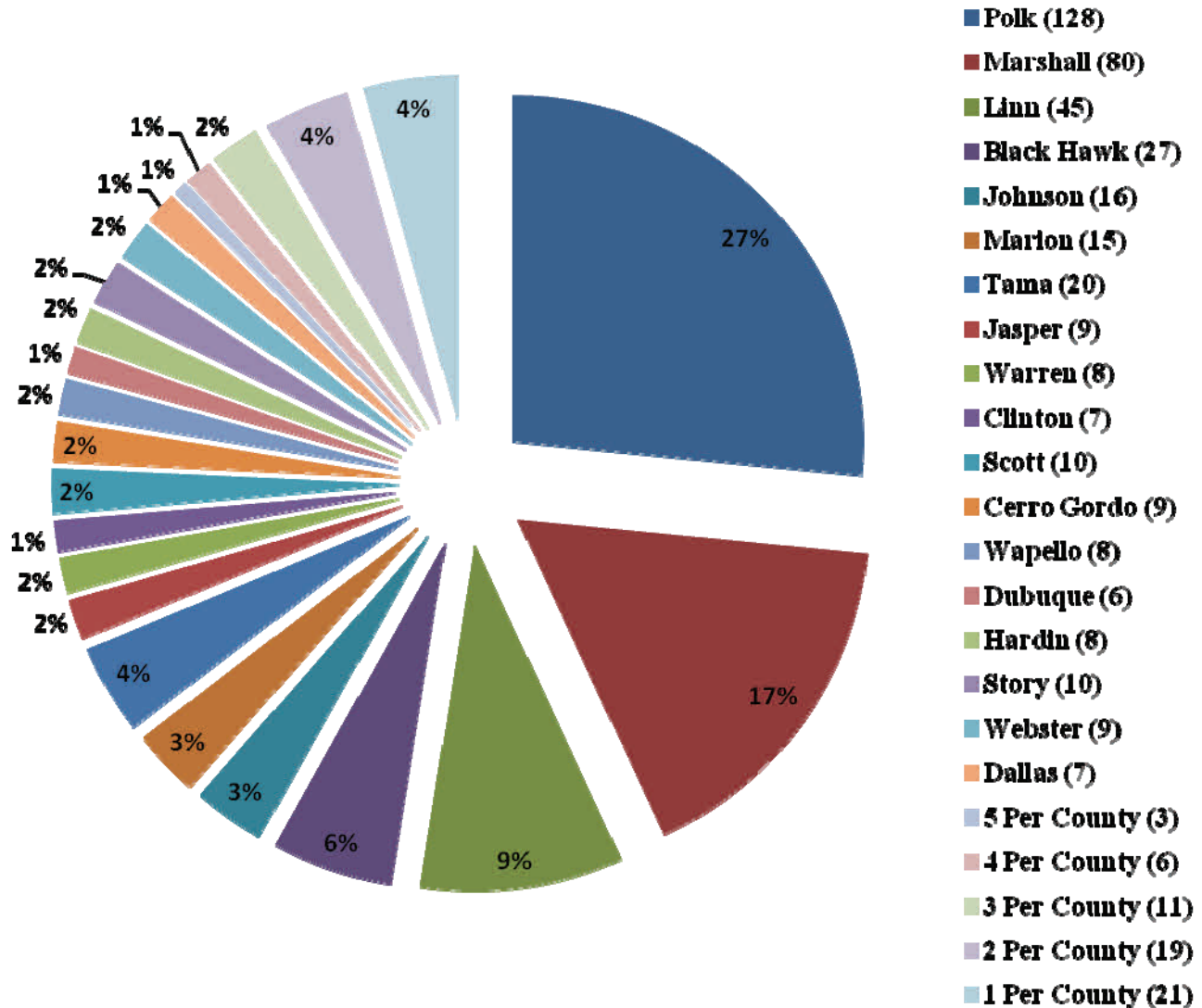
The Iowa Veterans Home was originally opened with 128 acres in 1887. Today our home is spread over 150 acres. To the north is the Iowa River and to the south is Summit Street. Our Campus is very spacious and covers a lot of area for our residents and staff. As you can see from the aerial photo above our campus is very large in capacity as it is nestled in the NW corner of Marshalltown, Iowa.

Our total level of care buildings as of today consist of 6 Nursing level of care buildings; 1) Sheeler 2) Loftus 3) Malloy 4) Dack 5) Fox 6) Ulery and 1 Residential (Domiciliary) level of care. These residents reside in Heinz Hall.

If you are needing an individual tour or a group tour of the home please contact Mike Hines at (641) 753-4309 or email michael.hines@ivh.state.ia.us. Our webpage continues to grow with testimonials from staff and family members about the home to include a briefing power point presentation. We soon will have video links of different departments and their capabilities as well.

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Residents By County



Definitions relevant to the Iowa Veterans Home

Applicant means a person who is applying for admissions into the Iowa Veterans Home.

Addicted to drugs means a state of dependency as medically determined resulting from excessive or prolonged use of drugs as defined in Iowa Code chapter 124.

Commandant means the chief executive officer of the Iowa Veterans Home.

Commission means the Iowa Commission of Veterans Affairs consisting of nine persons who shall be appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by the senate.

Continuously disruptive means any behavior, on a recurring basis, which has been documented by the Iowa Veterans Home staff, that causes harm to a member or staff or conflicts with the member responsibilities set forth in subrule 10.12 (1).

Countable asset means an asset to be considered in calculation of member support obligation.

Free Time means 12 days of leave time each calendar year for which the member is not charged for care during absence.

Definitions per IAC 801, Chapter 10, Iowa Veterans Home, dtd 12/25/13

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Resident Population

Our resident population (census) continues to remain constant; with census being between 556 and 560 residents daily. As we continue to promote our mission throughout the great state of Iowa, our Marketing Committee continues to find strategic means to ensure that all honorably discharged veterans, spouses and surviving spouses are aware of the benefits they have earned.

- **557 Residents**
 - Male Veterans - 451
 - Female Veterans - 16
 - Spouses - 90
- **War Periods Represented**
 - WWII - 63
 - Korea - 98
 - Vietnam - 211
 - Gulf - 5
 - Peace - 89



As of 11/16/15

Bed Capacity

Residential Level of Care—113
Nursing Level of Care—495 of
which 120 beds are memory care
(45 secure & 75 non-secure)

War Report by percentage

44% - Vietnam War
21% - Korean War
19% - Peace
14% - World War II
2% - Gulf



Army and Navy to Clash for the 115th meeting in Philadelphia!!

Army and Navy first met on the football field for the first time in 1890. The series has been renewed annually since 1899, except for 1909, 1917, 1918 and 1929. It has been held at several locations throughout its history, including Baltimore and New York City, but has most frequently been played in Philadelphia. This rivalry originated 125 years ago but this years meeting will be the 115 meeting and has been played annually since 1930. The first meeting found Navy on top of Army...24-0!

There have been several players that have gone on to defend this country and would eventually have the opportunity to continue their dream of football once their service was over. Take for instance, Roger Staubach, who graduated from Annapolis and won the Heisman Trophy at Navy and would later star for the Dallas Cowboys. Nicknamed "Captain America" Staubach, a Vietnam Veteran, would lead the Cowboys to a Super Bowl VI win along with a MVP in 1972.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention "Mr. Inside and Mr. Outside" of the 1940's Army football teams. Heisman Trophy winners Glenn Davis and Felix "Doc" Blanchard—renowned during their playing days at West Point as "Mr. Inside and Mr. Outside"—were the best-known college football players in the country between 1944 and 1946, as Army was the nation's top-ranked team during those years.

In the Vietnam War, Doc Blanchard flew 113 missions from Thailand, 84 of them over North Vietnam. He piloted a fighter-bomber during a one-year tour of duty that ended in January 1969. He retired from the Air Force in 1971 as a colonel. After retiring from the Air Force, he spent several more years as the commandant of cadets at the New Mexico Institute, a junior college that prepares students to enter the service academies.

Glen Davis served three years in the Army. While on leave in 1948, he attended the Rams training camp and played in a preseason game. He then reported for duty in Korea (this was before the Korean War, which began after he returned to the U.S.). These are just some of the warriors that have come out of each academy.

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Our Elderly Have Rights!!

Our elderly in Iowa have rights. There are many that believe once our elderly move into a long-term care setting that they have no rights and that his or her autonomy ability is completely diminished. This is not the case! Elderly have the right to express their concerns and exercise their opinions about matters. As there seems to be much more awareness throughout the state, we must continue to be strong advocates for elderly rights and that this perception is being changed. Our elderly residents are protected by federal and state laws. In July of 2012, Iowa ranked fourth in nation with 77,372 of its population being 85 years plus. This was 2.5% of our population during that time. This number has grown to a much larger total.

With the mission of the Iowa Department of Aging of developing a comprehensive, coordinated and cost-effective system of long-term living and community support services that helps individuals maintain health and independence in their homes and communities, we as Iowans should feel grateful that our state has a state unit that exists.

The mission of the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman is to protect the health, safety, welfare and rights of individuals residing in long-term care investigating complaints, seeking resolutions to problems and providing advocacy, with the goal of enhancing quality of life and care. The Volunteer Ombudsmen program protects the rights of Iowa's long-term care residents by making unannounced visits to long-term care facilities. The Volunteer Ombudsman Program (VOP) is an extension of the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman. The VOP's responsibilities include but not limited to spend a minimum of three hours per month visiting the facility, observe general conditions and daily activities in the facility, empowering residents to speak up and voice concerns for residents who cannot speak for themselves to visiting with Resident and Family Council members and attend meetings at the Council's request. For information about this state wide program please contact (866) 236-1430 or VolunteerVOP@iowa.gov.



Some examples include the following.....

- The right to be fully informed;
- The right to complain without fear of retaliation;
- The right to participate in one's own care;
- The right to privacy and confidentiality;
- The right to dignity, respect and freedom;
- The right to visits; and
- The right to make independent choices

Source- Iowa Department of Aging

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World War II Monument Celebrated at IVH

The World War II veterans and employees of the Iowa Veterans Home had a opportunity to see History in the making on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 as IVH unveiled its WWII project for the first time. Commandant Jodi Tymeson, Kami Holmes from the Grinnell Reinsurance Company and Iowa Veterans Home resident and World War II veteran Don Wingrove presented remarks to a crowd of nearly 200 IVH residents and community members. Once again the Iowa Veterans Home would like to thank the many Contributors that made this project possible.

The Iowa Veterans Home salutes all veterans throughout this great nation! As this generation of service members continue to face deployments, budget constraints but continue to fight in every corner of the world. We must continue to support them. Active duty, Reservist and National Guard have been deployed at record highs. Our veterans have met so many challenges and stood over so many citizens close to home and abroad and in a time of war and peace. These fine service members continue to fight in all 4 corner parts of the world while our veterans at home continue a different fight and that is for entitlements and rights.



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Renovations continue at IVH

Renovations continue at the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown, Iowa. Here, in the photo to right, a 120 ft plus crane safely maneuvers around to lift a large object to the roof of the Dack building. Renovations are scheduled to be completed in June of 2016 with residents moving into the new facility approximately around August of 2016. The Dack Nursing facility will have 89 single beds along with couple suites on each unit.



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